

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

automatically identifying a plurality of desired portions of a multimedia presentation by user's equipment;

automatically creating, at the user's equipment, an annotation file for the multimedia presentation, the annotation file containing a first pointer corresponding to a first desired portion of the plurality of desired portions and a second pointer corresponding to a second desired portion of the plurality of desired portions, wherein the first desired portion and the second desired portion is separated in the multimedia presentation by an intervening portion; and

using the plurality of pointers to automatically present only the plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation without presenting any other portion of the multimedia presentation including the intervening portion, wherein the second desired portion is displayed automatically after the first desired portion without user interaction.

Claim 2: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

creating a recorded program file of the multimedia presentation;

playing the recorded program file on a viewing system; and

accessing the annotation file such that only the plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation is displayed by the viewing system automatically.

Claim 3: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the automatic identification of the plurality of desired portions includes applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

Claim 4: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined set of criteria is based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

Claim 5: (Previously Presented) The method for applying an annotation file of claim 1, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to the plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation.

Claim 6: (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
broadcasting an event to a first location;
simultaneously identifying a plurality of desired portions of the event at a location remote from said first location;
creating an annotation file for the event substantially simultaneously to said broadcasting, the annotation file containing a first pointer corresponding to a first desired portion of the plurality of desired portions and a second pointer corresponding to a second desired portion of the plurality of desired portions; and
transmitting, from the location remote from said first location, to a viewing system the annotation file as a transmission that is distinct from the broadcast of the event, the annotation file configured to automatically display only the plurality of desired portions of the event without displaying the annotations and without displaying any other portion of the event, the second desired portion being automatically displayed after the first desired portion without user interaction.

Claim 7: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the annotation file is transmitted subsequent to the event.

Claims 8-17: (Cancelled).

Claim 18: (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
an editor configured to automatically create an annotation file without user prompt or intervention, the annotation file containing a first pointer and a second pointer corresponding to a first desired portion and a second desired portion, respectively, of a multimedia presentation based on at least one predefined set of criterion or criteria;

a first transmission medium to transmit the multimedia presentation to a multimedia viewing system; and

a second transmission medium to transmit the annotation file to the multimedia viewing system such that the multimedia viewing system automatically displays only the first and second desired portions of the multimedia presentation without displaying the annotations, wherein the second desired portion is displayed automatically after the first desired portion without user interaction.

Claim 19: (Cancelled).

Claim 20: (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to at least one of the first and second desired portions of the multimedia presentation.